



MINUTES
SOCIAL PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD THURSDAY, 2009-APR-09
TRAINING ROOM, CITY HALL ANNEX

PRESENT:

Jim Kipp, Chair
Bev Barton
Elizabeth Forrester
Zeni Maartman
John Neville
Sharon Welch

Val Alcock-Carter
Adam Evans
Judy Lekisch
Ralph Meyerhoff
Jane Templeman

REGRETS:

Janet Cowling

STAFF:

John Horn, Social Planner

Cindy Hall, Recording Secretary

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:50 pm. J. Horn clarified that SPAC is unable to change the chair at this time without an amendment being made to their terms of reference. As City staff are presently doing a review of all advisory committees, SPAC can revisit this issue once the review is complete.

2. APPROVAL OF LATE ITEMS

The Agenda was approved as presented.

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that the Minutes from 2009-Mar-11 be adopted with the correction of the spelling of "Templemen" to "Templeman".
CARRIED.

4. ITEMS ARISING FROM MINUTES

a) Terms of Reference – As per discussion in Item No. 1:

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by S. Welch to recommend to Council that the terms of reference for SPAC be amended to allow for the Committee to appoint its own chair. CARRIED.

b) Meeting Date and Location – J. Horn advised that due to a meeting room shortage, SPAC will be unable to meeting on the second Thursday of the month in the Board Room.

MOVED by B. Barton, SECONDED by V. Alcock-Carter that SPAC's meetings be held on the first Tuesday of every month at 4:45 pm in the Board Room, City Hall. CARRIED.

5. DELEGATIONS

There were no delegations. V. Alcock-Carter will invite Joanne Dundas of Loaves & Fishes Food Bank to the next SPAC meeting to report on Loaves & Fishes' project for which they received a Community Service Grant in 2008, and on their operation in general.

A suggestion was made that in future, delegations be 'issues' focused, rather than 'services' focused.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Final Report dated 2009-Mar-23 from Nanaimo Foodshare Society re 2008 Social Development Grant received for the Good Food Box Program.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by A. Evans to receive Foodshare's final report on the Good Food Box Program. CARRIED.

- b) Email dated 2009-Mar-31 from Eileen Page of People & Process Solutions Inc. requesting a letter of support in principle for the 'Enterprising Women Initiative'.

The Committee requested further information on the initiative. J. Horn will invite Ms. Page to the next SPAC meeting.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- a) Community Service Grant Applications

Prior to reviewing the 20 grant applications received, the Committee decided that they would allocate a total of \$12,500 in this round, and \$12,500 in the second round in September.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by S. Welch to recommend that a Community Service Grant in the amount of \$500 be awarded to the Nanaimo Women's Resources Society. CARRIED.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by E. Forrester to recommend that the following Community Service Grants be awarded:

Nanaimo Community Gardens Society	\$4,000
Nanaimo Foodshare Society	\$4,000
Nanaimo Family Life Association	\$1,000
Neighbours of Nob Hill Society	\$ 500
Central V.I. Multicultural Society	\$1,000
Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society	\$1,500

CARRIED.

For the next round, staff will provide Committee members with an evaluation sheet listing criteria, and applicants will be asked to provide typed applications if possible.

The Committee voiced concern that because of the large number of applications, it appears the Provincial Government has downloaded responsibilities that previously fell under their jurisdiction, to the Municipal Government.

b) Excellence in Social Development Award Nominations

The Committee considered nomination forms for:

- JoAnne Dundas
- Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo
- Central V.I. Multicultural Society
- Columbian Centre Society
- Leadership BC – Nanaimo
- Nanaimo Telephone Visiting Society

MOVED by E. Forrester, SECONDED by J. Lekisch to recommend that JoAnne Dundas receive a 2009 Excellence in Social Development Award. CARRIED.

MOVED by J. Templeman, SECONDED by S. Welch to recommend that Unitarian Fellowship of Nanaimo receive a 2009 Excellence in Social Development Award. CARRIED.

MOVED by Z. Maartman, SECONDED by S. Welch to recommend that the Central V.I. Multicultural Society receive a 2009 Excellence in Social Development Award. CARRIED.

MOVED by R. Meyerhoff, SECONDED by Z. Maartman to recommend that Leadership BC - Nanaimo receive a 2009 Excellence in Social Development Award. CARRIED.

c) SPAC Workplan for 2009

The Committee reviewed their draft 2009 Workplan and requested that an addition be made in the grants section “to review criteria and timing of grant programs”, and that the report then be forwarded to Council for endorsement.

8. ISSUES ARISING OUT OF NEW BUSINESS

None.

9. COMMITTEE UPDATES / COUNCIL MONITORING / INFO ITEMS

a) Plan Nanaimo Advisory Committee

R. Meyerhoff reported that PNAC recently recommended that Council reject the OCP amendment application to redesignate a portion of property to append to the adjacent Cable Bay lands, but that Council subsequently voted against PNAC’s recommendation.

b) Grants Advisory Committee

J. Neville advised that most of the applications considered at the last Grants Advisory Committee meeting pertained to tax exemption.

c) Council Monitoring – March 23

S. Welch reported that Council proclaimed the following for April:

- Daffodil Month
- Oral Health Month
- Parkinson's Awareness Month and World Parkinson's Day (Apr.11)
- National Volunteer Week (Apr.19-25)
- Prevention of Violence Against Women Week (Apr.19-25)
- World Malaria Day (Apr. 25)
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Other items of note were discussion of budget challenges, and BIA bylaws passing 2nd and 3rd readings.

10. STRATEGIC PLANNING

a) Emerging Issues

In response to an enquiry about when in their meetings the Committee can discuss issues they might want to forward to Council, J. Horn advised that emerging issues can be brought up in the 'Strategic Planning' section of the agenda. Information or recommendations from SPAC are forwarded to Council via reports, and delegations from SPAC can attend the Council meetings to speak on the reports.

J. Kipp stated that getting emerging issues onto the website also needs to be addressed.

b) Free Lunch Program

J. Horn advised that a group of service providers are presently meeting to formulate a plan to provide space for a free lunch program. The Salvation Army will provide the food, but require other outlets besides their present location on Nicol Street.

c) Affordable Housing

J. Horn also noted the Provincial Government's announcement of their commitment to provide capital funding and staffing dollars for the build-out of a 40-unit affordable housing project on Wesley Street, and a 10-unit project on Tenth Street. City staff will begin communication strategies with the residents of those two neighbourhoods.

d) Gang Awareness

S. Welch advised of a workshop to be held at John Barsby Community School on Tues. Apr. 28 at 7 pm regarding gang awareness.

11. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 2009-May-05 at 4:45 pm in the City Hall Board Room.

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

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Chair

Date